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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Application of Qwest Communications International Inc.
for Authority to Provide In-Region InterLATA
Services in Minnesota
WC Docket No. 03-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today representatives of Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest") had a telephone conference with the Commission staff in connection with the above-referenced application. Participating on behalf of Qwest were Melissa Newman and Todd Lundy of Qwest, and Peter Rohrbach of Hogan & Hartson. Participating on behalf of the Commission were Gail Cohen, William Dever, and Ben Childers of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

During the call Qwest discussed the 31 enclosed orders of the Minnesota Public Utility Commission ("MPUC") issued on June 12, 2003. These orders approve each of the 34 interconnection agreements filed by Qwest on March 25 and 26, 2003.^{1/} The orders are effective after a 10 day waiting period assuming no objections are filed by the Department of Commerce (the only party to comment on the agreements) or a commissioner. (Action on the interconnection agreements otherwise must occur by June 24 or 25 under Section 252(e)(4) of the Telecommunications Act, which requires action on filed interconnection agreements within 90 days of their having been filed with a state commission. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4)).

^{1/} The orders also are available on the web site of the MPUC at <http://www.puc.state.mn.us>. Copies are attached here for the convenience of the Commission. (The 31 attached orders cover all 34 of the filed agreements, as indicated on the attached matrix. In some cases the Commission combined agreements into one proceeding and issued one order. In other cases the Commission created separate dockets for each party to a single agreement. However, all of the agreements filed on March 25 and 26 have been approved under the enclosed orders.

As noted, these orders approve the contracts as interconnection agreements, and the relevant terms are available to other CLECs under Section 252(i). However, the orders strike certain provisions related to dispute resolution, assignment, and related matters on the ground that the affected terms do not satisfy specific MPUC requirements. Those particular provisions therefore are not in effect in Minnesota. A list of the provisions rejected in these orders is provided in the attached matrix.

Separately, yesterday Qwest filed a Complaint For Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The Complaint seeks review of certain aspects of the MPUC's orders in Docket No. P-421/C-02-197. A copy of Qwest's Complaint also is provided here.

This information is being provided at the request of the Commission staff and does not count towards the 20 page limitation on ex parte material. If any questions arise in connection with this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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